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SUBJECT: PNRC WOOD PRODUCTS SYMPOSIUM

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1. ON JAN. 14 EMBASSY DELIVERED INVITATIONS TO WOOD SYMPOSIUM ON BEHALF OF PNRC TO JAPANESE OFFICIALS(FYI: PNRC REQUESTED THIS IN LETTER DATED JAN. 9 AND RECEIVED AT EMBASSY LATE AFTERNOON JAN. 12, NOT DEC. 31 AS REPORTED PARA. 2 REFTEL, AND IN RESPONSE RECEIVED TELCALLS JAN. 16 FROM MINISTRIES OF AG. AND FORESTRY AND CONSTRUCTION REQUESTING A MORE DETAILED SCHEDULE OF TECHNICAL MEETINGS AND VISITS THAN PROVIDED IN LETTERS OF INVITATION. (PNRC LETTER OF JAN. 9 OUTLINED GENERAL PLANS AND PURPOSE OF SYMPOSIUM WHICH EMBASSY QUOTED IN LETTERS OF INVITATION, AND STATED THAT PNRC'S VANCOUVER OFFICE HAD ALREADY SENT THE EMBASSY THE ITINERARY FOR THE GROUP. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE.)

2. ACTION REQUESTED: A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR WOOD SYMPOSIUM, SHOWING EACH DAY'S ACTIVITIES IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE CLEAR TO MINISTRY OFFICIALS WHO WILL MAKE DECISION RE ACCEPTANCE THAT A SERIOUS AND SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM IS PLANNED.

3. EMBASSY DELIVERED INVITATIONS FROM DR. ANCKER-JOHNSON FOR PLYWOOD CONSULTATIONS JAN. 16, AND SO INFORMED CANADIAN EMBOFF WHEN HE CALLED TO ADVISE THAT CANADIAN EMBASSY ALSO DELIVERING INVITATIONS FOR SEVEN JAPANESE OFFICIALS-- INCLUDING ABE, YAMAI, AND SUIGIYAMA FROM OUR GROUP --ON JAN. 16.

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CANADIAN OFFICIAL SAID GOC INVITATIONS WILL BE FLEXIBLE ON

DATES, LEAVING IT TO THE MINISTRIES TO DECIDE WHETHER
OFFICIALS INVITED BY BOTH COUNTRIES WILL VISIT CANADA BEFORE
OR AFTER U.S. SCHEDULE. POINTS MADE IN PARA. 1-2 REFTEL MAY
BE BASED ON MISUNDERSTANDING: QUESTION OF JOINT U.S./CANADIAN
TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WAS NOT RAISED IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH COFI
AND CANADIAN EMBASSY; CONCERN WAS TO AVOID INVITATIONS ON CONFLICTING
DATES.
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